

SCOPE OF WORK—Ecology contract with the UW College of Forest Resources (May 2008)

The Contractor will provide services and staff, and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work, as set forth below:

Specifically, the legislature directed the agency to develop, in consultation with other agencies and stakeholders, recommendations on how forestry lands and practices may participate voluntarily as an offset or other credit program in the regional cap and trade system being designed by the Western Climate Initiative. The recommendations are to address:

1. **Commercial and other working forests**, including accounting for site-class specific forest management practices;
2. **Forest products**, including accounting for **substitution** of wood for fossil intensive substitutes;
3. **Forest land set aside** or managed for conservation on or after the effective date of the legislation (6/12/08);
4. **Reforestation** projects; and
5. **Afforestation** projects.

The agency requests the following analysis and work products no later than **June 30, 2008**. An initial draft should be provided within 30 days of the signing of this contract and the contractor should work closely with the agency in finalizing the work products.

1. Based on current voluntary carbon markets as well as the European Union ETS, an explanation of what is needed to allow any of the five forestland categories and practices listed to participate as an offset or other credit program in a carbon market.

This should include at a minimum the identification and a summary analysis of any programs that currently sell offsets or other form of credit program for any of the five forest land categories and practices listed and the nationally recognized protocols used by those programs or that may otherwise cover forestry projects.

At a minimum, this analysis should include

1. **The Climate Registry,**
2. **the Chicago Climate Exchange,**
3. **the US Department of Energy Section 1605b GHG registry program,**
4. **World Resources Institute;**
5. **The Climate Trust,**
6. **the EU's Clean Development Mechanism,**
7. **the California Climate Action Registry, and**
8. **the Voluntary Carbon Standard.**

Electronic links to these programs and protocols should be provided.

2. A plainly worded explanation of the requirements of each offset/credit program and protocol.
3. Identification of any areas listed where there is **not** an existing offset or other credit program or nationally recognized protocol.
4. For those areas identified in #3 (above), an analysis and explanation of how the state might develop an offset or other credit program by identifying the elements that must be included in such a program, such as the development of carbon quantification methods, protocols and reward systems, and how regional or national recognition might be obtained.
5. Any other information the contractor, based upon his or her expertise in carbon markets or agriculture and forestry policy, believes would assist the state in developing the required recommendations.